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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TALKS HELD BETWEEN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
AND BARBADOS

1. BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND
BARBADOS WERE HELD IN PORT OF SPAIN MAY 10 AND 11.
BARBADOS DELEGATION INCLUDED BERNARD ST. JOHN, DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER; HENRY FORDE, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS;
AND COURTNEY BLACKMAN, GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK.
GOTT DELEGATION INCLUDED GEORGE CHAMBERS, MINISTER OF
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE; ERROL MAHABIR, MINISTER OF PETROLEUM
AND MINES, AND MINISTER IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE; MERVYN DE
SOUZA, MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE; AND CENTRAL
BANK GOVERNOR VICTOR BRUCE.

2. TALKS REPORTEDLY "DISCLOSED THE NEED TO PURSUE MORE
DEEPLY SEVERAL OF THE TOPICS RAISED", AS A RESULT,
THEY ARE CONTINUING IN BRIDGETOWN THIS WEEK.

3. TOPICS COVERED INCLUDED AIR SERVICES, TOURISM, SEA
BOUNDARIES, TRADE INCLUDING PETROLEUM, JOINT VENTURES IN
FISHING, CEMENT AND AGRICULTURE, INSURANCE AND CURRENCY
CONTROL MATTERS.

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4. COMMENT: LITTLE NEWS OF THE CONTENTS OF THE MEETINGS
HAS LEAKED OUT, BUT IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THEY WERE HELD
AT ALL, GIVEN THE LACK OF OFFICIAL INTEREST IN COOPERATION
WITH OTHER CARICOM COUNTRIES HERE OF LATE. A NEWS REPORT FROM
BRIDGETOWN REPORTS THAT PRIME MINISTER ADAMS IS AGAIN
CALLING FOR A CARICOM SUMMIT, PERHAPS ENCOURAGED BY

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS BILATERAL
ISSUES.
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